Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Casitas area

Lake Casitas

California
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~98%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **64–68°F**, lows **41–49°F**, rain chance up to **~98%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

68° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	NW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~33%
SUN	6:31 AM / 4:52 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

66° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:32 AM / 4:51 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	49°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Light Rain
WIND	SSE 0–10 mph
RAIN	~98%
SUN	6:33 AM / 4:51 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NW → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:31 AM PST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY

- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING

- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

FALL TRANSITION **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~65°F — 74-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Public forage reports are thin, so watch for surface activity at dawn and fish slow and deep w

ALSO BITING

Bluegill, redear sunfish and other panfish give bank anglers and kids easy action around weed edges and shaded shoreline. Rainbow trout stay deep in warm weather and are mostly a target for trollers.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Inside the Lake Casitas Recreation Area on Santa Ana Road, the shoreline near the main day-use areas and the Santa Ana arm gives walk-up access to points and weed edges.	
Clarity	The lake gets less pressure than many Southern California waters, but its big bass are wary in clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

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KAYAK

Casitas has some of the strictest boat rules in California to protect its drinking water from invasive mussels, and those rules apply to kayaks and other paddle craft too. Check with the Lake Casitas Recreation Area about inspection and any quarantine requirements before you bring a kayak.

BOAT

Lake Casitas Marina rents boats, which is the simplest way onto the lake for most visitors because private boats face strict inspection rules. Check those rules with the marina or recreation area before you trailer a boat .

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait, popper or hollow-body frog over weed edges at first light and dusk, in natural or bone colors.

MID

A small swimbait or weightless soft plastic along weed lines and points when baitfish are active.

BOTTOM

A drop-shot, Texas-rigged worm or jig on deeper weed edges and drop-offs during the bright hours. Green pumpkin, brown and natural tones work best. Match size to threadfin shad, small bluegill and crawfish.